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In re Application of
Batoff, Jeffrey
Application No. 10/085,394
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed February 20, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice) mailed March 18, 2002. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on May 19, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 22, 2004.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$740.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on February 20, 2004 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

The file is now being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-0482.

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